

QUARANTINE STATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (QSCCC)

AGENDA

09:00am, Wednesday 14 August 2019

Q Station

Abbreviations

Adele Heasman	AH	Dr. Ian Lavering	IL	Sandy Hoy	SH
Alison Langley	AL	Jennifer Wilson	JW	Stephen Higham	SH1
Candy Bingham	CB	Jessica Dargan	JD	Stuart Schramm	SS1
Carl Hollis	CH	Lee De Gail	LG	Suzanne Stanton	SS
Cathy Griffin	CG	Max Player	MP	Virginia Macleod	VM
Chad Weston	CW	Robyn San	RS		
Deon van Rensburg	DR	Ron Edgar	RE		
Douglas Sewell	DS				

1	BUSINESS and GOVERNANCE	LEAD
1.1	Welcome	Sandy Hoy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH welcomed all attendees to the 66th QSCCC meeting. 	
1.2	Acknowledgement of Country	Carl Hollis
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH – I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging. 	
1.3	Attendance and Apologies	Sandy Hoy
	Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candy Bingham Cathy Griffin Adele Heasman Carl Hollis Sandy Hoy Max Player Robyn San Douglas Sewell Suzanne Stanton Jennifer Wilson 	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen Higham Dr. Ian Lavering Virginia Macleod
1.4	Confirmation of agenda	Sandy Hoy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda was confirmed. 	
1.5	Declarations of pecuniary or other interest	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL 	
2	STANDING ITEMS	
2.1	Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Sandy Hoy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were confirmed and accepted. SH confirmed that the full minutes of the May meeting were circulated to QSCCC members. RS and SS confirmed a link to the abbreviated minutes are on the NPWS and Mawland websites. 	

2.2	Review of Action Items from Previous Minutes	Sandy Hoy
2.3	Correspondence In/Out	All
	NIL	
2.4	Other administrative matters	Sandy Hoy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH confirmed that the dates in each meeting cycle with regards to issuing draft and final agendas and minutes need to be adhered to as per the DPIE guidelines. SH will send out a timetable with the dates. Documents are stored electronically on Google Drive. Applications for National Park annual passes due for renewal in early 2020 will be requested for the November meeting. 	
2.5	Proposed events	Mawland / NPWS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QS Open Day is planned for the 15 September 2019 10am-2pm, with the Art and History theme. Field of Lights – confirmed as not going ahead Event in the Sky – SS confirmed details are still being confirmed and approval is still pending. 	
5	ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS	
5.1	North Head Scenic Drive bus stop upgrade	Mawland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH confirmed quotes have been requested to upgrade the road. Feedback will be provided to MQS once quotes have been received. The road is an NPWS road, however the bus stop and roundabout were designed by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). Two sections of fence have been removed from the bus stop, as the fence has been repeatedly damaged. SS and LG discussed this and agreed to remove the fencing. MP is requesting that the fence be reinstalled. JD and LG to discuss with MQS. 	
4	PRESENTATIONS	
4.1	Saving our Species (Threatened Species)	Michael Wood & Erica Mahon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation was made to the QSCCC members from SOS representatives and pest officer Jared McNaught from Sydney North Area (SNA). Copies of the presentations are available on the QSCCC Google Drive. 	
3	REPORTS	
3.1	NPWS Report	NPWS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sydney North Area Management team has recently undergone some staff changes. <p>North Head Precinct Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft North Head Landscape Concept Plan is currently under review. There is a focus on additional suicide prevention works, visitor infrastructure, pedestrian and cycle access. CALDesign is the NPWS appointed consultant. The outcomes of previous consultation and the recent workshop will inform the development of the concept plan. An information gathering workshop was held on 19th June to discuss the development of the North Head Precinct Concept Plan. Participants included NPWS, North Head Sanctuary Foundation, Mawland, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, Greater Sydney 	

Branch (GSB) Regional Advisory Committee representative, Australian Institute Police Management (AIPM), Office of James Griffin represented by Adele Heasman, Indigenous representative Susan Moylan Coombs, and two representatives from CALDesign.

- The workshop focused on natural and cultural heritage values; past, current and future visitor use; Indigenous connection to North Head with local land managers; and the Indigenous community and key stakeholders. Discussions focused around safety and access, planning to consider long term land tenure, promotion of experiences and movement across the site, and connection to Aboriginal culture and storytelling, whilst considering site management activities and the needs of residents.
- NPWS intends to use the outcomes from the workshop in terms of the values, visitor opportunities unique to this site, identified priorities and actions, and the challenges and mitigating strategies/actions to inform the next version of the plan, so it can be costed to inform feasibility and funding.

Collins Beach Road

- Following the replacement of the water supply line to AIPM, remediation works to Collins Beach Road have been completed including pavement, reinstatement of line markings, and marking of parking bays. The works should prevent the road becoming dangerously narrow by indiscriminate parking.

Wildlife management

Penguins

- Two penguin deaths have been reported and both have been attributed to predation.
- Penguin wardens increased their monitoring activities on morning and evening shifts. NPWS is continuing 1080 baiting, soft jaw traps and shooting and is working with Northern Beaches Council to track and trap a cat. A letter box drop has been undertaken at Spring Cove Development and in surrounding streets.
- A Penguin Warden update meeting and refresher training was held at Q Station on 21st July 2019 and Q Station staff were invited.

Echidna

- An echidna was hit by a car in Q Station.

Bandicoots

- The bandicoot sign at Parkhill entrance to North Head was approved by DPIE and has been installed. The bandicoot mortality register for 2019 shows 9 reported bandicoot mortalities, of which 4 were attributed to road kills.

Acacia terminalis subsp. *terminalis* (Sunshine Wattle)

- Survey was completed at Q Station on 18 June 2019. Majority of specimens were located alongside the road and on the border of the mown grass areas. Majority of specimens were juveniles <30 cm tall (seedlings) with a few mature specimens reaching >1.5 metres in height. Mainly located in the vicinity of Main Access Road and Isolation Road, east of P2 and A20, west of A18, east of A23, and north east of P22.
- Erica Mahon (Senior Threatened Species Officer) collected leaf material from the four different subspecies of *Acacia terminalis* across North Head including Q Station for the Royal Botanic Gardens. Genetic work is being undertaken to help us understand how the different subspecies interact and the best way to conserve the endangered subspecies.

	<p>Pest Management</p> <p>Rabbits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHDV virus release had limited success. Rabbit shoot occurred on the 25th July at Middle Head (Sydney Harbour National Park) and North Head (Quarantine Station and NPWS-North Fort car park/look outs). Possible shoot scheduled for 22nd August, depending on the QS occupancy and activity levels. <p>Foxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPWS follows a 6 weekly ongoing baiting program with 1080 capsules in canid pest ejectors and 1080 ground baits at North Head. With the recent fox activity more frequent baiting was done, soft jaw traps set, and a shoot carried out. Two foxes have been euthanised. <p>Weeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPWS is preparing a branch wide Weed Action Plan (WAP). Glory Lily forms part of the plan. Infestations of Glory Lily are receiving two treatment applications and the efficacy is being monitored. <p>Fire Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two hazard reduction burns are scheduled for Autumn (weather dependent) at QS Central and Fairfax Walking Track. Notifications will be made prior to the burns occurring. MQS confirmed the undertaking of vegetation management works. A mud map detailed the planned works which are aligned to the approved Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and vegetation management plans. Sensitive areas were highlighted around S16, S12, Isolation and the Wharf Precinct where threatened species exist. Recommendations of additional vegetation works were communicated as observed by NPWS Enhanced Bushfire Management Program (EBMP) team. Some works have proceeded, and NPWS is waiting on MQS to provide a schedule for the rest of the works. Prior to re-commencing, NPWS Arborist will induct the two contractors working on site. 	
3.2	Mawlands Report	Mawland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace Park was opened successfully, and thanks were given to the QSCCC members who attended. P21 and P23 opening is scheduled for the afternoon after the meeting. Heritage Council members are attending the opening. Open Day is planned for 15 September 2019. Jo Neville, Artist in Residence, will be doing several installations. Minor works (refurbishments) have been completed at H4. MWS are rolling out new tours, and changing education programs. High Tea and History, and a seniors' walk are planned. A Fathers Day lunch is being held. 	
3.3	Chairpersons Report	Sandy Hoy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With one meeting of the new QSCCC having now being held, DPIE guidelines are being followed and administrative processes are in place with NPWS and running smoothly. Thanks to SH1 and RS for the work they have done with the Committee. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to JD and CH. Thank you to JW for the offer to guide QSCCC members around Third Cemetery after the meeting. Thanks to MQS for supporting fund-raising trivia nights, fairs and raffles; and educational activities for local schools. 	
6	GENERAL BUSINESS	
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DS has brought some older records along and will store these on the cleared shelf at the Gate Keepers Cottage. 	
7	MEETING CLOSE	
7.1	Confirm action items	Sandy Hoy
7.2	Next Meeting/Site Visit: 9am-12noon, Wednesday 13 November 2019	Sandy Hoy
	Tour of Third Cemetery	Jennifer Wilson
	Heritage Council Lunch Opening of P21/23	Mawland